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## SOUTHEAST NOTES.

The Central hotel, at Greenville, was destroyed by fire last week. Court was in session and about one hundred people were stopping at the hotel. They had to seek other quarters.

The Charleston Democrat says the boys down there shuffle, cut and deal a little too brazenly.

Messrs. Russell, Deal and Danforth hold a judgement of over \$3,000 against Mississippi county on warrants. They appeared before the county court last week and asked that a tax levy of ten cents on the \$100 valuation be ordered. When county warrants are below par, and speculators buy them up, it is very harmful to tax-payers.

A man by the name of Glass, of Hainley's Switch, was passing a butchershop at Charleston the other day, when he noticed a dog standing in the door. Without any cause or provocation Glass whipped out his knife and cut off one of the dog's ears. He was arrested but no law could be found covering the case. Missouri needs a law to prevent cruelty to animals.

County warrants to the amount of \$725 were sold by the Mississippi county court at 81 cents to raise cash to liquidate a lunatic asylum debt. That county should adopt Cleveland's "sound financial policy."

Mrs. Cyrus Raney, of Stoddard county, very generously fed a tramp and then asked him to do a slight service. In return for her kindness the tramp cursed and abused her. When Mr. Raney returned home, he and his neighbors run down Mr. Tramp and gave him fifty sound lashes.

Over in Stoddard county they are still raising sand over the division of the courts, and the Bloomfield and Dexter papers are hammering each other going and coming.

Several of the heirs of the late Ben Hunter, of Sikeston, held a consultation in this city respecting the deceased gentleman's will, over which for a time, there seemed to be a prospect of trouble. The result was an agreement, subject to ratification by Mrs. Hunter, the widow. Last evening they all went to Sikeston, accompanied by attorneys, and it is supposed that by this time all prospect of trouble has been pleasantly expunged with mutual satisfaction to all parties.—Charleston Democrat.

A little girl at Cape Girardeau was severely burned last week while kindling a fire with shavings.

A wood-chopper, his wife and three children were found frozen to death, at their home in Washington county last week. It is not known when they died, but it is thought that it was during the cold "snap" on or about Feb. 8th.

Representatives Moore of Mississippi and DeReign of Scott have introduced more bills for the material benefit of their constituents, we believe, than any other members of the house.—Marble Hill Press.

Jordan Wilson, colored, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, persons now living in this county. He will be 90 years old March 24th next. The old man is quite active and his head is white as cotton. Mrs. Sophia Bowman will be 90 on the 7th of May, and her children hope to have a family reunion at that time.—Jackson Cash-Book.

Will some republican friend be kind enough to rise and tell us where Marsh Arnold has gone wrong in a single instance? Take all his votes in Congress and you will find him standing squarely up for the interests of his people. His vote against that gigantic attempt to steal known as the Pacific railroad funding bill should endear him to the tax-payers of the whole country, but his last vote on the bond question, his persistent refusal to assist in fixing monometalism on the country, should be a lasting monument to his sturdy, intelligent and conservative course in congress.—Marble Hill Press.

Stein Bros., of the Cape City Mills, at Cape Girardeau, received a diploma last week for the first premium awarded on flour at the last October Fair at St. Louis.

## FROM BLODGETT.

Blodgett was pretty well represented at the Benton ball last Friday night, thank you, by Mrs. Maud Stubbs and B. F. Marshall, Miss Mamie Evans and C. L. Stubbs, Mr. Adams, C. W. Hawkins, E. C. Myers, F. H. Reddick and J. M. Adams. The say the little old county seat had on its entertaining clothes, and handled the crowd in P. D. Q. style.

Miss Jessie Dickerson, of Richwoods, visited Miss Lillie Reddick Sunday.

The long rest since October has done the Blodgett ball players up brown, somehow, as last Saturday the nine went out to limber up on the diamond. The first man to bat, Scarboro, got his nose bloodied and otherwise damaged sliding to second.

J. M. Austin being the next man sprained his ankle on third and Will Fields had a nail knocked off and a finger dislocated so the mob dispersed, *sine die*, temporarily or somehow.

Miss Mamie Evans, of Arkansas, visited relatives at Blodgett the past week returning home via St. Louis last Sunday. She is a cousin of our resident county judge, J. F. Evans, and also of our brethren, J. H. and C. L. Stubbs. Being a very charming young lady it naturally follows that deep and lasting impressions were made on the mentalities of several of our susceptible young men—including the orator—who trust that her visit may be repeated in the near future, and prolonged indefinitely.

A flying squirrel created quite a ripple in the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday. He took possession of the floor and the young ladies, excepting Mrs. J. A. Hawkins, took possession of the chairs. After a burlesque of 15 or 20 minutes, Mrs. Hawkins captured him and was rewarded by having her hands severely bitten, but she held the flyer. How he got there is a mystery. "Many who came to scoff remained to pray" rather than let a flying squirrel outdo them in devotional exercises.

The long expected crisis of firing the members of the church who signed the saloon petition came to hand last Sunday night, and instead of blazing up, flickered and died out as three promised to avoid the appearance of evil in the near future, two had their names erased from the roll, another had not been seen and sixth and last did not appear on the roll at all. So the country is still safe.

The social circle of our little town was tendered a rousing reception at the residence of Judge Evans last Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Mamie Evans. Music, vocal and instrumental, and a social hop went to make up the sum of a highly enjoyable event.

D. M. Laffin has erected on his premises near Marshall Bros.' warehouse, a young grist mill, which will in the future be run by the redoubtable Vigelli. This is an improvement, or addition, long needed and will be highly appreciated by the farmers of the vicinity.

We trust the Benton boys won't have the experience that the bass horn player in a band out west once had. The boys had just started out when they were asked to play a dirge at the funeral of a heavy gun and a deacon in the church. Right in the midst of the most solemn part the bass horn sent forth a blast that scared all the teams in the procession and started them running away, and in the rucis the corpse was dropped out and run over. After the scene was over the leader asked the bass what he meant. Wal, I saw a big high note and I played it, and it wasn't a note it was only a hossfly up above the staff, but, by Gosh, I played it anyhow, hossfly and all."

Sterling Marshall is back at his old post in Marshall Bros. store after an absence of eighteen months. Glad to know you, sah.

Prof. Atchison informs us that his preparatory school is on the boom. All who intend teaching in Scott county would find this preliminary course of inestimable benefit as it is mainly if not entirely of a practical nature all the way through, and not theoretical.

The committee of the Ananias club appointed to draft resolutions appro-

prate to the removal of T. N. Dickerson from this place to Richwoods handed in the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Bro. Dickerson to remove himself from amidst us, also his laugh and the appointments thereunto, and when the voice of duty called, there at the post we would always find Bro. Dickerson at bat and David B. Hill on deck. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That we can but feebly express our regret at the loss of Bro. Tom Dickerson, whose front name has escaped our memory.

Resolved, That the gang, as a body, request the absent brother to refrain from drinking any Cape Girardeau beer, as your committee find upon good and sufficient evidence that before the brother could get a plenty he would be promenading past the porticoes of the City of the New Jerusalem, or words to that effect.

## FROM ORAN.

Thos. Reed was at church last Sunday night and Monday morning he got up and made a fire and complained of his head. His wife went to one of her neighbors for medicine and when she returned he was dead.

Mrs. Ben Lyon was reported dangerously ill last Sunday.

Rev. Haynes baptized another lot of converts at Caney last Sunday.

There was a meeting held at the Baptist church last Sunday evening to organize an anti-whiskey traffic league but no organization was effected.

W. W. Dyer moved in the Lober house next door to Dr. W. E. Harris last Monday.

Parker & Sons seem to be doing a thriving business.

Deputy Collector Wade was here Sunday.

Mrs. S. G. Tetwiler, wife of Editor Tetwiler, of the Charleston Democrat, visit Mrs. Dr. Howle last week.

Frank Zundel returned Saturday from a week's trip on the Cotton Belt.

Misses Lora and Carrie Forrester report a boss time at Charleston last week.

Beach Stubblefield and Rube Matthews attended the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday and each took charge of a class in Sunday school.

Miss Katie Holder returned from a trip to Cairo, Ills., last Tuesday.

O. Palmer, formerly of this place but now of Olney, Ills., speaks of returning to old Scott. Right you are, Mr. Palmer.

Miss Alsie Dyer was taken suddenly ill Monday night. We are informed that she has pneumonia.

Wm. Howell and wife were initiated into the mysteries of the Fraternal Mystic Circle last Friday night.

Mont. P. Wade came near being in another runaway Sunday evening. He and J. B. Stubblefield were driving a young horse which became frightened at a dog. Since which time Mont. has had his life insured for \$10,000.

Beach Stubblefield has sold two car-loads of mules and horses within the past two weeks and will have two more cars for sale in the near future.

There is some interest being shown in the County Commissioner's race. Prof. John Goodin is said to be a favorite with some of our citizens. We are gambling on the lady candidates whoever they may be.

Uncle Berry Moran says there is a law prohibiting a man from marrying unless he gets a chance, and for this reason he is a single man.

Lou Rodney was seen sawing lumber to repair a village sidewalk last Tuesday. This is the first work Lou has done since '89, and this was only for the sake of novelty.

Much complaint is being made over the freezing of potatoes which were killed up last fall. Your scribe is loser of five or six bushels. Ben Lyon says anything short of sixteen inches deep is not safe. We covered ours about six inches.

Carpenters began work on Bob Wright's new dwelling last week.

Frank Schmuck's residence is nearing completion.

## A HOWLING SUCCESS.

The Benton Ball a Society Event Long to be Remembered.

The great ball under the management of the Benton Cornet Band, at the courthouse, on Washington's birthday, was a howling success. Not since the dancing days of B. F. Anderson, Marsh Arnold, Dr. Frazer, etc., has there been anything in the county to equal it.

At the fashionable hour of 9 o'clock the ball opened. Ladies were in evening costume and gentlemen were in full dress. The opening march was led by Norval Anderson and his fair partner. It was both astonishing and gratifying to notice the grace and activity displayed by the dancers in the lengthy columns of this supposed to be difficult performance. It was a sight worth seeing—probably the first march that has been attempted in a ball-room in Scott county in fifteen years.

The dance went merrily on until 11 o'clock when supper was announced. Fifteen couples departed for the hall, but the crowd was so great that their absence was hardly noticeable. After the first fifteen couple had abundantly partook of the excellent supper the ladies had prepared, a second installment followed, and so on until all were fed.

At 2:30 the special train for Commerce sounded the alarm that it was about time to let up and in a little while the grandest social event of the season was a thing of the past—but long to be remembered.

## NOTES.

None deserve so much praise as the ladies of Benton, who prepared the supper. Everybody complimented them.

The entire Ananias fraternity and a few others from Blodgett were conspicuous in the ball room and they made their presence felt at the supper table.

Some splendid dancers from Cape Girardeau were present.

Commerce—well, that town has some of the gayest people on earth—and some of the best looking young ladies.

Oran, Morley and Sikeston were represented.

"What do you think of this for a country dance?" asked the editor of a young lady from Cape Girardeau. "I don't call this a country dance," was her reply.

The supper netted \$35.00, which the ladies donated to the band.

Frank Reddick, of Blodgett, remained in Benton until Saturday afternoon, and the last heard of him he was making tracks for the depot singing "After the ball is over."

Ah, go 'way!

## FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Louis Bucher was at Oran Saturday.

Since the cold weather has bidden us good-bye our mechanics are all busily employed in the shops. The blacksmiths especially have struck to work with new energy.

Ulrich Glaus has begun to erect a new house on the site where his dwelling was lately destroyed by fire.

Frank Kuhn moved into his new residence.

The infant child of Chas. Schlitt died Saturday morning after a long illness, and was buried at St. Lawrence cemetery Sunday.

J. D. Bowman, the nursery man, whom we spoke of last week, left Tuesday to canvass some other place. He reports having had, not only a successful week in New Hamburg, but a very pleasant time also.

Joseph Geisner, of Oran, was in our town Monday.

Const. Grojean has the honor of being the most popular gentleman in this part of the country. Should there be no other evidence, the big 18 Maret ring he was so lucky to win at the Dr. Hokensmith show is sure evidence enough.

Miss Mary Bischer received the highest number of votes at the doctor's entertainment as being the most popular young lady in this town.

Tuesday the schools at Hamburg had the annual examination and entertainment. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Squire Welch, of

Benton, Rev. Koeb and Prof. Scholz of Oran.

J. W. Quinn, of Mayfield, Ky., selling "The New Education," was among us Tuesday.

Louis Reichert is now occupying the residence lately purchased of Frank Kuhn.

## FROM SIKESTON.

Harry O'Brien, of Charleston, was in our town the first of the week attending a law suit.

Joseph Moore closed a very successful term of school Friday at the Chaney schoolhouse.

Artie Davis, of Neeshville, Mo., was up Sunday to visit his mother and friends, and while in town he was shown through the different apartments of the D. D. club mansion. He will pay his initiation fee on the next trip as he could not wait for the boys to get the oysters.

Mr. Joseph Randol, the jovial postmaster, of Dudley, and his wife spent last Sunday with friends here.

Miss Lizzie Ballard, the charming diningroom girl of the Green Hotel, left Sunday for Fredericktown, where she will spend a few days for recreation.

Messrs. Henry Goddy and Chas. Darby spent last Sunday in Charleston. They wished for to make a round trip to Fredericktown in one day. We sympathize with them.

I. Himmelberger, of Morehouse, was in town Monday and reported the lumber business good.

Allan Matthews left Morehouse Monday to attend the remaining term at the Cape Normal.

Milo Gresham, ex-editor of the Sikeston Star, moved to town Monday from Camoy Ridge, where he has been tending a successful school.

Ere this issue is published there will be an entertainment for the benefit of the church organ, given by the K. K. K. a division of the D. D. club. And the Ananias club is expected to be present to carry the dead and dying out.

Drummers tell us that Bloomfield is boycotting Dexter and all people or drummers who travel in Dexter rigs, and it is not safe for a friend of Dexter's to be caught in a Bloomfield backyard.

## Dangers of Hydrophobia.

Our people should kill their worthless dogs—or at least keep a close watch over them. Hydrophobia is always prevalent after a severe winter, and the people of Sikeston and in the Southern portion of our county have reason to fear trouble, as some cases have already developed.

In Wayne county, Indiana, an epidemic of hydrophobia has set in and a general slaughter of dogs has been going on for some time. One child has been bitten and over 200 head of stock have been found suffering from hydrophobia and killed. Two months ago a dog became rabid and before it was killed had bitten many dogs and stock. A little boy was bitten and is now undergoing treatment for rabies. A farmer lost five head of cattle and two hogs, together with every dog he had on his extensive farm. Every day a new case develops among stock or dogs. The animals seem to go mad in from 18 to 44 days after being bitten. A close watch is being kept by all farmers, and all animals are killed as soon as the first sign develops, thus hoping to stamp out the epidemic.

## They are "Wid De Push"

From the Charleston Democrat.

It is notable, and may be noteworthy, that the Wayne county newspapers have never contained a single line regarding the compromise between its county officers and the railroad by which the county school fund was escheated of several thousand dollars; that the Pemiscot county papers have nothing to say against the donation of 42,000 acres of swamp lands to a person for his promise to put a ditch through them; that the Butler county papers have not yet caught up with the times sufficiently to say a word about the Wear mistrial, though the crime was committed there and the criminal and the parents of his victim live there.

## It's All Over Now.

For the past two weeks Madam Rumor has been very much puzzled over a surmise that the editor of the Newsboy was about to take unto himself a wife. The matter was much discussed and the event was billed for last week, but when we remained at home and showed no indications that such a thing was likely to happen, the gossips had to begin anew. Last Sunday we left for St. Louis and the betting began with the odds against us. Tuesday evening Phil A. Hafner, of Benton, and Miss Jennie Dickerson, of St. Louis, were quietly married by Rev. Charles Zeigler, at 2904 Clark Avenue, St. Louis.

Wednesday evening the editor and bride returned to Benton, where they are now on exhibition. As soon as we got settled down to house-keeping we want all our friends to come and make themselves at home with us. Our better half is of the plain, unassuming variety, and in this respect is very much like her husband. Come and see us—and bring your knittin'.

## That Explanation.

A man who signs himself Isaac Harper writes a letter of explanation and says that the Benton papers were mistaken in regard to James Perkins being with Chas. Taylor very much of the time after they broke jail here. Unfortunately for Mr. Harper, a letter from him addressed to Jas. Perkins was held and opened by the sheriff here, and in that letter Mr. Harper proves to be a very bad man himself. He says:

"If it was my case I would ask no odds. I would beat it in spite of hell and high water. Don't give down. Have grit like a hog and you will come out all right. Oh, if I only could of had the dodgin' to do in your place, what a nice thing I would of had. I would of learned Mr. Butts some of Morgan's tricks."

So it may be seen that Mr. Harper is a pretty bad egg, and it is surprising to know that we have papers that will aid criminals in gaining public sympathy by publishing the "slush" written by their pals and associates in crime.

## The Serenade.

Wednesday evening the editor and wife (don't that sound loud?) were treated to some excellent music by the Benton orchestra, accompanied by many of the editors friends. After the band had rendered the second selection, all the visitors were invited into the Townes house, where a sort of an off-hand reception took place. The bride was introduced to Deputy United States Revenue Collector Wade who, on behalf of the assembly, welcomed her among us. After a general hand-shaking and congratulations the band proceeded to enliven the occasion with its excellent music—and the ball rolled.

## In a Prohibition County.

Would it not be a good move by the City Counsel to pass an ordinance requiring the drugstores that sell whiskey to give bond to keep orderly houses? Some "carryin' on" (as the old darkey remarked) as some of the drugstore proprietors allow, would justify such an ordinance. If not in conflict with state laws, why not give it a trial?—Ripley County Echo.

## Strayed or Stolen.

From near Morley, about September 1, 1894, one sorrel mare 7 years old, 15 1/2 hands high, natural pacer, half-moon brand on left shoulder, thick heavy neck, and a few scars where collar works. One black horse, two years old, half-moon brand on left shoulder, and has a small white spot on side of nose.

Liberal reward for information leading to the recovery of either or both animals.

DALLAS T. C. ROBERTS, Morley, Mo.

## Card of Thanks.

We, the members of the Benton Cornet Band, wish to thank the ladies of Benton and vicinity, who so kindly lent their aid in preparing such an excellent supper on Feb. 22.

If, in the future, we can be of any service to them we will gladly do so.

Respectfully,  
Benton Cornet Band.

## FROM COMMERCE.

Miss Clara Rider and Manning Kimmel, of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday and Sunday at this place, the guests of Miss Fannie Anderson. Torbert & Moore, our newspaper men, visited Cape Girardeau Sunday. A steamboat passed up the river Tuesday but did not land. It is the first one since the ice broke up.

Murray Campbell is now a full-fledged notary public. VERITAS.

## That Watermelon Bill.

The Dunklin Democrat seems to forget that there is nothing compulsory about the melon bill. Why, Bro. Caruthers, if the bill becomes a law, as it should, your Dunklin county farmers can load up and ship all the green melons they want to and no one will kick. But if the fellows at the other end look upon them with suspicion when they notice the absence of the certificate of inspection, then they can only kick themselves. You have failed to produce any good reason why the bill should not become a law.

## Not a Good Guesser.

Hicks promises us the worst blizzard of the season on or about Feb. 22d. Gosh! Good!—Ironton Register.

Probably that reverend gentleman intended that particular prediction to apply to Alaska or some other country nearer the north pole. In this section of the country we had the best weather of the season "on or about February 22d." Hicks is a very poor clump when it comes to guessing at the weather. Sometimes he hits it and sometimes he don't. We can do as well.

## WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

—The Arkansas legislature is trying to pass a law to tax all unmarried men over the age of thirty. Such a law would be a good thing in Missouri. Why, of course—certainly—just the thing. Every man ought to get married long before he reaches thirty. It is so disagreeable to be referred to as a "stag." Shame!

—Owing to the shortage of money in the school fund, Miss Mattie Seaford resigned the primary department after a very successful term of six months. Prof. Goodin now has charge of the whole school and will continue to teach the full eight months.

—This weather reminds us that the time of the season is at hand when garden seeds will be in demand. By-the-way, this reminds us that we will have to "make garden" this season.

—Geo. Wright, of Kelso, returned from St. Louis last Wednesday, where he has been to purchase his spring stock of goods for his stores at New Hamburg and Kelso.

—Last Saturday evening Miss Mattie Seaford gave a reception to her scholars. The little ones enjoyed the treat hugely and all regret the loss of their teacher.

—George Johnson, of Price's Landing, was lodged in Benton jail, last Thursday, charged with cutting and defacing a church building.

—Miss Maud Donovan leaves to-day (Saturday) for her home in Illinois—hence the heart-broken look in some of the boy's faces.

—Dal. Roberts, of Morley, has opened up the snake story season. He says he killed a large one last Tuesday.

—A party of young folks enjoyed a few pleasant hours at the residence of Chas. Proffit last Wednesday evening.

—The Misses Mollie Beattie and Fannie Summers visited at Commerce Saturday and Sunday.

—Wm. Heisserer left for St. Louis Thursday to buy his stock of spring goods.

—R. A. Kingsbury and Judge Leedy went to Sikeston Thursday.

—Judge Evans, of Blodgett, was at the county seat last Thursday.

—Won't this weather cause the old ladies to quarrel about gardens.

—"Kid" Shields visited Bloomfield the first of the week.

—An adjourned term of county court next Monday.